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In re Application

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Appl. No.: 10/081,382

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Filed: February 22, 2002

Title: REUSABLE VACUUM LID

PATENT APPLICATION

Art Unit: 3727

Examiner: R. Hylton

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Per the telephone conversation of April 22, 2004 between Examiner Robin Hylton and the undersigned attorney, attached is a true and correct copy of the election [Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111] filed on December 1, 2003. Also enclosed are a copy of the Response Transmittal Letter and Petition for Extension of Time which were forwarded to the Patent Office on December 1, 2003, and a copy of the return-receipt postcard indicating that the Response was received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 3, 2003.

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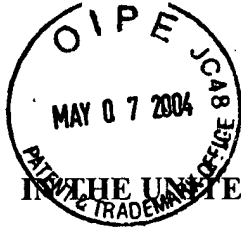
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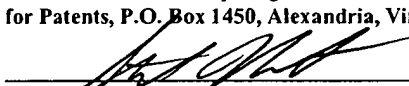
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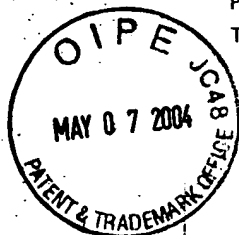
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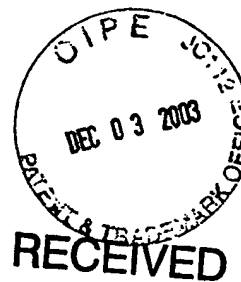
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